



*Wonder Women
of History*
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THIS IS THE STORY OF A WOMAN WHO WOULD NOT BE DEFEATED —

A WOMAN WHOSE STIRRING TRIUMPH OVER PERSONAL HANDICAPS IS THE GREATEST IN HISTORY, AND HAS MADE HER NAME A LEGEND — AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS — AND A BYWORD FOR ACHIEVEMENT!

WHEN SHE WAS STILL A BABY, HELEN KELLER LOST BOTH HER SIGHT AND HEARING. BUT WITH UNPARALLELED COURAGE, FAITH AND DETERMINATION, THIS AMAZING WOMAN LEARNED TO READ... TO SPEAK... TO LISTEN WITH HER FINGERTIPS.

TODAY -- THE BOOKS HELEN KELLER HAS WRITTEN -- THE WORK SHE HAS DONE, AND IS DOING, FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF -- ARE MONUMENTS TO A VALIANT SPIRIT THAT KNEW HOW TO TAKE UP A CHALLENGE... AND WIN!

THE DOCTOR DESPAIRS OF SAVING HER -- BUT UNEXPECTEDLY, SHE RALLIED!

EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT NOW -- YOUR BABY IS COMPLETELY CURED!

OH, THANK YOU, DOCTOR! THANK YOU!



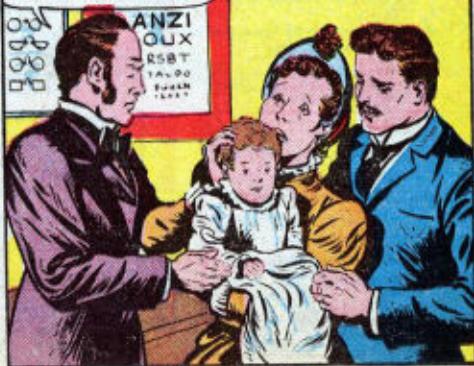
BUT A FEW WEEKS LATER....

ARTHUR -- I JUST NOTICED -- WHEN I PASS MY HAND IN FRONT OF THE BABY'S FACE -- SHE DOESN'T BLINK HER EYES --

DO YOU THINK -- ! GOOD HEAVENS, KATE ! WE'D BETTER TAKE HER TO AN OCULIST AT ONCE !



I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, CAPTAIN AND MRS. KELLER, BUT YOUR BABY IS BLIND. SHE WILL NEVER SEE AGAIN.





POOR LITTLE THING! SHE CAN'T SEE ME... BUT WHY CAN'T SHE UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAY? SHE USED TO



NOT UNTIL A FEW WEEKS LATER DID HELEN'S PARENTS KNOW THAT LITTLE HELEN WAS TOTALLY DEAF AS WELL AS BLIND!

NOBODY KNEW HOW TO REACH THE CHILD BEHIND HER CLOSED DOORS, AND SHE GREW UP SPOILED AND UNMANAGEABLE...



SHE KICKS AND SCREAMS LIKE THAT WHENEVER I TRY TO WASH HER FACE, OR COMB HER HAIR--AND YESTERDAY, SHE LOCKED ME IN THE PANTRY--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER.



TAKE A BROTHER'S ADVICE - PUT HER AWAY! SHE'S DEFECTIVE MENTALLY!



I'LL BEGIN BY MAKING FRIENDS WITH HER! SHE'S CERTAINLY GOING TO BE HARD TO TEACH-- SHE CAN'T READ OR WRITE, AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WORDS.



BUT WAS THERE A WAY ?? IN AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT CAPTAIN KELLER CONSULTED DR. CHISHOLM.

DESPITE THE FACT MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES BELIEVE BRAIN FEVER LEAVES ITS VICTIMS-IDIOTS, I THINK THAT HELEN CAN BE EDUCATED !



BUT ALL CHILDREN HAVE A NATURAL URGE TO IMITATE... THAT'S HOW THEY LEARN! I'LL SPELL THE LETTERS D-O-L-L INTO HER HAND AND MAYBE SHE'LL COPY WHAT I DO...



FOR WEEKS, THE PARENTS SOUGHT FRANTICALLY FOR A PROPERLY TRAINED TEACHER--FINDING ONE, FINALLY, IN THE PERKINS INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF !

20-YEAR-OLD ANNE MANSFIELD SULLIVAN WAS THE TEACHER WHO WAS TO RELEASE THE BRIGHT AND SHINING SPIRIT OF HELEN KELLER FROM ITS DARK PRISON!





WONDER WOMAN



SHE'S DOING IT -- SPELLING D-O-L-L! NOW IF I CAN ONLY MAKE HER UNDERSTAND THAT IT MEANS SOMETHING



BUT FOR ALL HELEN KNEW, SHE WAS PLAYING SOME MEANINGLESS GAME UNTIL ONE DAY...

THAT DID IT -- DIPPING HER HAND INTO THE WATER AND SPELLING W-A-T-E-R INTO HER OTHER HAND! SHE UNDERSTANDS! SHE KNOWS NOW THAT EVERYTHING HAS A NAME!



FROM THEN ON, ANNE'S BRILLIANT YOUNG PUPIL LEARNED RAPIDLY... TO "TALK" BY THE HAND ALPHABET TO READ * BRAILLE BOOKS...



* RAISED LETTERING.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, ANNE TOOK HELEN FOR A VISIT TO THE PERKINS INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND...

WE'RE VERY GLAD TO MEET HELEN!

WHY, I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE OTHER BLIND LITTLE GIRLS LIKE ME! BUT THEY TALK WITH THEIR MOUTHS LIKE PEOPLE WHO CAN SEE -- NOT WITH THEIR HANDS, THE WAY I DO!



LATER ANNE EXPLAINED...

THESE OTHER BLIND CHILDREN ARE NOT DEAF.

DON'T DEAF CHILDREN EVER LEARN TO SPEAK?



SOME DEAF CHILDREN LEARN TO SPEAK BUT THEY CAN SEE THEIR TEACHERS' MOUTHS... AND THAT HELPS THEM!



BUT I CAN FEEL YOUR MOUTH VERY WELL... AND I WANT TO TALK LIKE OTHER PEOPLE!

NOTHING COULD DISCOURAGE HELEN IN HER DETERMINATION TO TALK LIKE OTHER PEOPLE. IN 1890, ANNE TOOK HER TO MISS SARAH FULLER WHO TAUGHT THE CHILD TO FEEL THE POSITION OF HER TONGUE AND LIPS AS SHE SPOKE...

... AND AFTER ONLY ELEVEN LESSONS, THE MIRACLE HAPPENED!

I - AM - NOT - DUMB - NOW!





HELEN PRACTICED
PRACTICED DRIVING
HERSELF TO EXHAUSTION IN
HER EFFORT TO
MASTER SPEECH. THEN IN JULY, 1896,
SHE ADDRESSED A MEETING OF
THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION TO
TEACH THE DEAF.

I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT JOY IT
GIVES ME TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO
YOU! I ONLY HOPE THAT EVERY DEAF
CHILD IN THE WORLD CAN BE TAUGHT
TO SPEAK!



AS A FOREMOST MEDICAL AUTHORITY,
DR. LOVE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER?

THAT GIRL'S LEARNING TO SPEAK
IS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT
IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF ORAL
SPEECH!



IN 1900, SHE ENTERED RADCLIFFE COLLEGE, THE FIRST
TIME ANYONE WITH HER HANDICAPS HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO
A UNIVERSITY! FAITHFUL ANNE
"INTERPRETED" ALL LECTURES.

REGARDING THE GREEK
CITY- STATE



AND IN 1904, HELEN WON HER
B.A. DEGREE!

WHILE STILL IN COLLEGE

MISS KELLER, WILL YOU WRITE
THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE FOR
MY MAGAZINE --- LADIES'
HOME JOURNAL?

YES - IF YOU'LL ALSO
PUBLISH SOME ARTICLES
ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE
BLIND



LAUNCHED ON A SUCCESSFUL
WRITING CAREER, HELEN NEVER
NEGLECTED HER OTHER CAREER
HELPING THE BLIND!

AND IF THE BLIND ARE PROPERLY
TRAINED AND NOT DIS-
CRIMINATED AGAINST THERE ARE
MANY WAYS THEY CAN EARN
THEIR OWN LIVINGS!



IN 1936, HELEN KELLER AND
ANNE, SULLIVAN RECEIVED
THE ROOSEVELT MEDAL
FOR COOPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENT
OF UNIQUE CHARACTER AND FAR-REACHING
SIGNIFICANCE!

TODAY, THE TIRELESS ENERGY
AND UNFLAGGING EFFORTS OF
THIS WONDER WOMAN BRING
NEW HOPE AND SOLACE TO THE
WAR-BLINDED!



HELEN KELLER HAS CONQUERED
DEAFNESS AND ALTHOUGH
HANDICAPPED BY BLINDNESS HAS
MASTERED SPEECH. WON FAME
AS A WRITER. SINGLE-HANDEDLY
STARTED FREE MEDICAL CARE
FOR THE BLIND. YET IS NOT
CONTENT TO REST WITH THIS IN-
CREDIBLE LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS:
FOR UNLIKE LESSER WOMEN, WHO
MIGHT BE WILLING TO REST ON
THEIR LAURELS, THIS WONDER
WOMAN WILL GO ON AND ON, CON-
STANTLY SEEKING TO HELP THOSE
HANDICAPPED LIKE HERSELF - HER
OWN SHINING EXAMPLE AN IN-
SPIRATION TO THEM - AND TO ALL
OF US!

Alice Marble